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**RELOCATION OF SELF-HELP LEGAL CENTER**

The Self-Help Center, currently located at The Resource Connection on Gold Hunter Drive in San Andreas, will relocate to the Calaveras Superior Court, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas effective August 1, 2011.

The decision to relocate the center was made to achieve cost savings as a result of the economic crisis and ongoing budget reductions while trying to protect services.

Another victim of the economic crisis, the relocation dissolves a community partnership that was instrumental in the opening of the Community Legal Assistance Center in August 2003. With the extensive contributions of the Superior Court, The Resource Connection, Legal Services of Northern California, other community agencies and the contributions of their staff, the community was able to realize a vision for the delivery of services to self-represented litigants in Amador and Calaveras Counties. The co-location of the Court Self Help Legal Center with the (Resource Connection) Calaveras Crisis Center provided a unique opportunity and valuable partnership that not only provided a quality service to the public but offered staff from both programs valuable, and differing, perspectives as well as new skills and resources. "We are grateful to The Resource Connection, Legal Services of Northern California and other agencies that worked so hard to establish the center. While we are moving and they may not be as involved in the day to day operations of the center their contributions are the reason for the success of the program" states Mary Beth Todd, Court Executive Officer.

Kelli Fraguero, Program Director for The Resource Connection states, "From the Crisis Center viewpoint, the staff here will walk away with a better understanding of court processes that will translate into a higher level of service provision. The Resource Connection is grateful for the opportunity to be a partner in this quality program."

The court will continue to provide the same services that were previously offered including assistance with divorce, child custody and visitation, child and spousal support, landlord/tenant, small claims, civil harassment.

The Center will be open from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. The Self-Help Center will have the same phone number (209) 754-1443.

For additional information on services available through the Self-Help Legal Center please refer to the courts web site at [www.calaveras.courts.ca.gov](http://www.calaveras.courts.ca.gov).